

# Point

ISSUE 9

## Fitchburg State College

Wednesday, 4/29/98

Visions Opening  
FSC Gallery

7:30 pm

## News|bits

### Juan Williams to give address...

One of America's leading political writers and thinkers, will speak at Fitchburg State on April 30, at 8pm in the Hammond Building Lounge...see inside for more information...

### Lecture Examines Margaret Atwood Novel...

English Professor Irene Martyniuk, will present "The Role of Autobiography in Margaret Atwood's *Surfacing*," on Wednesday, April 29, at 3:30pm in the Kent Recital Hall of the Conlon Building.

### Visions 98

The student honors show starts today! The official opening is at 7:30 in the FSC Gallery. View photography and graphic design. Afterward at 8:30 in Kent Recital Hall, get a sneak preview of Friday's show.

On Friday at 7:00pm, stroll down to Kent Recital Hall to attend the video/film portion of Visions.

### Twelfth Night

Richard McElvain's interpretation of Shakespeare's masterpiece is showing at McKay from today until May 2.

Performances are at 8pm in the auditorium with an additional matinee on May 2.

### Amendment One

Visit this new student web site at <http://172.18.100.11> to exchange books, rate you teachers, and voice your opinion. See our feature on pg 4, and opinion poll on pg 6 for more info.



**MASSPIRG's  
Earth Day success**



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## Student honors show opens

Visions 98 is your chance to see what some talented people in a fine (and slowly in the process of being murdered) Communications program can do. The official opening is 7:30 April 29<sup>th</sup> in the Gallery. Here you can see the eye-popping work of our Photography and Graphic Design majors. Then on Friday you can check out the many wonderful

film and video pieces ( you can finally see Koffee Killers too!). Come and be entertained. Come and see why our Comm/Media program brings in more enrollees than any other major here. Most of all, come and see students express themselves. Because facism is slowly breeding here; this may be our last chance.

-Zac Adams

## Students fight hunger and homelessness

Students from more than 200 high school and college campuses across the country volunteered their time and energy, as part of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunger



Cleanup, a project of the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness. The Annual Hunger Cleanup is a community service work-a-thon in which volunteers gain hourly sponsorship for their time cleaning up, repainting or refurbishing food banks, shelter and transitional housing units.

The Fitchburg State College Hunger Cleanup is a part of the national 14<sup>th</sup> annual Hunger Cleanup, sponsored by the National Students Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness. 67 students at FSC worked at 10 sites across Fitchburg with the dual purpose of completing service projects and raising funds for the hungry and homeless. More

than 10,000 volunteers participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Cleanup, raising more than \$100,000 in this year's event. The event has received the endorsement of Mayor Whitney and at the opening ceremonies she encouraged students to continue their involvement in the community. "It's great to see students on campus getting involved with the community to improve the community around them."

Half the money raised supports Our Father's House selected by the student organizers, 35% supports the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness, and 15% of the funds to projects of the International Development Exchange, a grassroots development organization. It is not too late to donate to the cause! Anyone interested in donating can send checks care of MASSPIRG Fitchburg State College, 160 Pearl Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420; or phone (978)665-3351. Checks should be made out to NSCAHH.

-Tara Gauthier

## Juan Williams to deliver address at FSC

Juan Williams, one of America's leading political writers and thinkers, will speak at Fitchburg State College on April 30, at 8pm in the Hammond Building lounge.

The event, sponsored by the Student Government Association, is part of President Clinton's "One America," a nationwide race initiative. The public is welcome to attend free of charge.

Currently a national correspondent for *The Washington Post* covering political and social issues, Williams has also served as a White House correspondent and an editorial writer during his 18 years with the Post.

Williams is author of the nonfiction best-seller *Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965*, companion volume to the Pulitzer-prize winning PBS series. He is currently writing another book, a biography of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. Justice Marshall granted Williams a series of interviews over a six-month period just before his celebrated retirement from the high court. Williams is also a script writer, having penned numerous documentaries on health care, civil rights and prominent Black Americans, as well as the 1989 Oprah Winfrey Prime Time Special "No One Dies Alone."

A regular panelist on CNN's 'Capital Gang Sunday' and guest commentator on National Public Radio, 'The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer,' and ABC's 'Nightline,' Williams has proven his ability to distill complex problems to their fundamental ingredients and expose the issues behind the jargon and rhetoric. His expertise on Washington politics has earned him the respect of conservatives and liberals alike, and his articles are featured in publications embracing the entire spectrum of political thought, from *Fortune* and *The New Republic*, to *Ebony* and *The Atlantic*.

A graduate of Haverford College, Williams holds honorary doctorates from Wilmington College and the State University of New York. He serves on the boards of Haverford College and the Washington Journalism Center, and the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Awards, and is an advisor to the Abraham Lincoln Awards for the Study of the U.S. Civil War.

-Presley Reece



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# Student website stirs campus community

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Students consistently find new ways to express their views and practice their first amendment rights. Recently a group of FSC students developed a web page with student voice in mind called Amendment One. Here students can rate their professors, sell, buy and trade class books with other students, or look up information on how to deal with common Residence Life, Parking, and FalconNet problems.

Amendment One has been in development for several months and was launched just a few weeks ago. Since its launch it has obtained over 300 hits. The creators expect it to become a useful student tool in the near future.

The faculty rating system is already causing campus controversy. Like end-of-semester bubble sheet evaluations, the web site rating system evaluates faculty members. The difference is that Amendment One's system was created as a student reference, not an administrative one. Students can refer to the site when choosing which classes to take.

Potential negative backlash from faculty toward the rating system is anticipated. Since all faculty members will have a student-defined rating, some individual public images may be tainted. George Bohrer, communications professor commented on the rating system. He said, "It makes information available to students so that their



decisions of course selection can be more informed. Students should also not depend solely on site reviews, but should seek out from varied sources opinions about professors they are considering." The Point questioned Erick Carpenter, one of Amendment One's creators, on how he'd respond to negative faculty repercussions. He said, "If they [the faculty] are going to blame me, for how the student body feels about them, they're not worth my consideration."

Tullio Nieman, student activities head, commented on the rating system. He said, "I haven't seen it. If it's used in a proactive manner, and adequately measures student body feelings toward faculty members, then it should be taken seriously." Currently the list only contains 238 faculty members, but will be complete soon.

Another useful tool available is the

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## History club elects and inducts

On Wednesday, April 8, the FSC History club and members of Phi Alpha Theta held an induction to add twenty four new members to the clubs. Speeches were made on world history and the club's meaning. Refreshments were served afterward and next year's officers were elected.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 30 at 2:30pm in the Miller Hall lobby. All are invited to attend. Here a special welcome will be given to Dr. Susan Williams, who will be taking over for Dr. Ralph Coffman as next year's faculty advisor.

**-Jessica McGowan**

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# BSU to host fashion show

Now that winter seems to finally have ended, and warm weather's here, it is once again time for Spring Closet cleaning. Whether their your tattered threads cannot withstand the rigors of another season, or they've just fallen hopelessly out of style, it is again time to invest what little funds you have into some new wardrobe pieces.

Realizing, of course, that not just any duds will do (after all, you do have a reputation to uphold, and your budget can only stretch so far), you frantically begin searching for feasible yet fresh fashion ideas. For the price of a fashion magazine, you can see real styles on real people right here at Fitchburg State College, and have some fun to boot.

The BSU, along with the Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, will work it on the runway in a fashion show titled "A Sense of Fashion with a Touch of Talent" on May 1 from 7-10 p.m. at either Percival or Weston Auditorium. The show, which showcases both women's and men's styles ranging from urban and casual wear, to swim, lingerie, and evening wear, and even bridal wear, has something for everyone.

All clothing to be modeled was donated by Mr. Tux, the GAP, 579, Wilson's Suede and Leather, David's Bridal, London Fog, Jones New York, J. Riggins, Banana Republic, and tentatively, Guess. The show's slamming soundtrack features Hip Hop, Reggae, R+B, and funky Techno beats from artists including

Puff Daddy, Beanie Man, and Quincy Jones sure to keep the audience moving in their seats.

An enormous amount of effort on the part of students has gone into the production and planning of the show. Since mid-March the group has held thrice weekly three hour rehearsals, both in the Basement of Aubuchon and in Percival Auditorium rehearsing numbers. The energy of the cast both on and off stage has been enormous. In addition to their heavy practice schedule, the group has run a number of fund-raisers including a bake sale and raffle, along with the all-important searching for clothing sponsors and donations.

The show's more than 40 participants include FSC students, specifically members of the BSU and Iota Phi Theta, along with help from a number of Fitchburg High School students. The show is comprised of eight acts, all original works with serious attitude choreographed by students Raniece Edwards, Priscella Monterra, Redford Salmon, Michelle Phipps, Coolisha Foster, Tamika Williams, and Nikki Lewis.

So there you have it. You need clothes. With your brain fried from last minute coursework, you desperately need to have some fun. Get both ideas and some fun for a bargain at the BSU fashion show.

-Emily Jordan



All photos by Haylie Cavanagh

## MASSPIRG's Earth Day celebration a success

On Wednesday, April 22, at 3:30pm MASSPIRG launched its Earth Day celebration on the main quad of Fitchburg State College. It was estimated that between 500 and 600 people attended, and all who came had a great time.

In in one hour alone twelve people pulled ten bags of trash out of the Nashua river. Other environmental concerns were addressed by the various informational booths set up around the quad by environmental groups like Food Not Bombs, the Audubon Society and MASSPIRG. Planted seeds in cups were given out for students to water and watch turn into daisies and other flowers. A tree that was donated to MASSPIRG was planted the next day by members of MASSPIRG.

One of the biggest highlights of the Earth Day celebration included a half pipe demo from Eastern Boarder set up on the quad.

-Jessica L. McGowan



# Is the *faculty rating system* a good idea

see *Amendment One* story, pg 4, for details



"I don't think that education and educators should be determined by something like a popularity contest."

-Adam "Chip" Liscombe

"I'd like to know about my potential teachers before I take them."

-Will Jean-Louis



"It's a good idea. It would help the students. And if it, you know, hurts someone's feelings that's just too damn bad." -Destro



"It will be a good idea if they use it to improve the faculty. Then it would intern, help the students."

-Dan Fagan

"Pros and Cons. It might create pre-conceived ideas about the quality of teachers, so students would make their own decisions."

-Melissa Gonzales



"It's good for students because we can use it to decide what teachers we want. But, I'd feel bad if teachers see a bad rating next to their name. It's like being judged on your career."

-Rachelle Kowalski

"Very good idea because for the past year and a half, I've been writing out those 20 minute surveys that totally bash some teacher that doesn't have a high school diploma, and that same teacher turns out to be my advisor or something. *I'm not talking about my current advisor though*"

-Mike Shine

## Stand up or drop out

Opinion by Keith Fredericks

The value of a College Education has plummeted in the last decade. A Bachelors degree from a small state school isn't worth what it once was. Some would say that it's worth what a High school diploma was worth thirty years ago. To stand out from the pack, students must stand out at their school. Students must get involved.

Play sports, join a club or organization, write for the paper, give tours around campus, become an RA or orientation leader, or lead the math team to victory (do we have a math team?). Employers hire people, not schools or degrees. Experience and competence are what employers seek. These traits do not develop through studying. The only way to develop them is to get involved. Involvement around campus is reflective of oneself and not of one's school, and is therefore a great indication of competence and experience.

Many things determine a person's value in the workplace. A Portfolio, resume, institution of higher learning, abilities, connections, and luck are all important. These things are buzz words that can make or brake a student's entrance into the work force. We affect these things positively when we get involved.

No success can occur without action. As people we must get in the habit of asserting ourselves. As students we must get in the habit of seizing opportunity when it presents itself. College is a wealth of opportunity that spans beyond classes and Thursday night parties. Stand out from the pack. Seize the opportunity. Get involved.

Rate your teachers at <http://172.18.100.11/>

### From the editor's desk

The advent of a new public forum for student opinion is promising. What's unique about this particular expression of student voice is its usefulness. A faculty rating system could be a useful tool for students, and a wake-up call for faculty.

But is the data valid? Whose to say the rating system is accurate? What's to stop students from voting more than once for any one faculty

member? A student could effectively taint a faculty member's reputation with a few resentful mouse clicks. Is this right? Will it happen?

These unanswered questions may ignite further controversy. One can only hope that higher sampling rates (more student votes) will eliminate the relevant error factor. So if you're interested in having an accurate reference that shows student impressions of FSC's faculty, make sure to rate your teachers.



# Gay flag irks student

**Opinion** by Rebecca Morse

While sitting in the M&M Lounge the other day, I looked up and saw something that made me feel I had to write this letter. Along with all of the country flags proudly hung from the ceiling in the foyer of the Lobby, was a gay pride flag. I don't know who decided that this flag went along with all the others, or why

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rest.*

the flag is up there in the first place; but I do know that it just doesn't belong with the rest. The gay rainbow flag is surely not the flag of a country, nor a state, or anything else which may, in my mind, have the right to be hung in such a place. If you want to hang up a gay flag in the foyer, why not the Christian flag also? Or perhaps, the straight flag...and if there isn't one yet, I'll surely be glad to create and sew one together for you. I just don't understand why this flag is up there in the first place, but if there is a decision made to leave it hanging there, I would love to have the right to add my own collection also.

**Opinion  
editor  
needed**

# South Park to fade fast???

**Opinion**  
by  
Timothy Curran

What's the biggest 90's craze that America seems to absolutely love, but will probably fade out of sight faster than the lambada? Give up? It's named after a fictional town in Colorado, yes, South Park. This corny little cartoon on Comedy Central is one of the fastest growing shows on television today. It has plenty of school-age followers around the country, but it also has its share of upset critics screaming "censor" every Wednesday night. And no, it's not an Aaron Spelling series. What makes this show so popular, and why are so many against its anal probes and its four flatulating main characters? Is this show sending a bad message to America's youth?

Creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone have created a monster. This 30 minute salute to four lovable scamps and their troubles and tribulations in a small Colorado town has become a smash hit amongst the Generation X-ers. You think they had it bad on Beverly Hills 90210 with problems ranging from date rape, pregnancies, and nose jobs. How many people do you know have been subjected to an anal probe by aliens from another planet? I think the reason why it has become such a mainstream hit is because people want something different. First, The Simpsons gave us Bart and his vocabulary including

words such as "Hell" and "Damn", and MTV's Beavis and Butthead gave us two total morons setting things on fire and grilling roadkill. South Park quenches our thirst by using four-letter words and flaming butts. Kids find this pure talent, but parents disagree. They believe this kind of humor drags us backwards in our attempt to educate and civilize kids.

Recently, South Park aired an episode that probably made themselves their worst enemies. Building up the hype by airing endless commercials informing its legions that on April 1st they will finally find out once and for all who Cartman's father is; Instead of finding out the truth, fans got a dose of a 30-minute cartoon of stick figures and farting. Many fans were insulted and jumped off the South Park bandwagon.

Months ago, S.P. was a hip and refreshing cartoon delivering something new into our living rooms, but now it seems to be fading.

What cartoon out there is next to excite our fancy? And if something does come along, how will it push the boundaries of censorship? The Simpsons, B+B and South Park all pushed the envelope of griddy, take-no-prisoners T.V. and soon society is going to need something new. Since these three cartoons all involved the use of foul language, strange body noises, and vomit, what's next? Nudity, murder, etc. I guess we will have to stay tuned to the idiot box to find out.

## Make your voice heard

Here's your opportunity to get involved and make FSC a better place. We're looking for student members of next year's Student Conduct Board. Applications are available at Student Affairs, Student Activities, SGA and Residence Life.

**Applications are due  
May 1, 1998.**







**City of Angels \*\*\*\***  
Warner Bros./Regency

*plot: Angels are everywhere. This is the story of one who falls in love with a human.*

Dude, I am such a sap. I love this love story stuff. This is a surprising success of a movie, thanks to the talented directing skills of Brad Silberling. I mean, look at the plot. This one could go either way, really, depending on the way it's directed. It's been a long time since I've had a movie pull at my heart-strings quite like this, and I'm sure all you lovers of love out there will agree with me. I had such a good cry during this film.

Obviously, this is not the movie for everyone. Some people will hate it. I'm not going to say that this is a 'girly' movie, because that's being a bit stereotypical. (But you know what I'm getting at, here, right?) DON'T go see this movie with someone who won't appreciate it. They'll be so tortured sitting through it, they'll feel the need to make your viewing experience a hellish one, too, and you won't get to appreciate the beauty and pain of the film. See it alone, if that's what it takes. (It's not so bad, really - I see movies alone all the time, and I don't feel like a pathetic fool with no friends. If there's a lot of nudity in a particular film, there's bound to be someone else sitting by himself in the front of the theater, too.)

Meg Ryan (Maggie) and Nicholas Cage (Seth) compliment one another beautifully.

Nicholas Cage is a truly gifted actor. I never used to like him, years ago. (I thought he was a pretentious, stuffy ass.) 'Face Off' and this movie changed my opinion of him entirely. In 'Face Off' he's such an evil, cold guy. But HERE, man, here he is a perfect angel. (Well, obviously.) I'd love it if a man looked at me the way Seth looks at Maggie in the film.

The movie also stars Dennis Franz, the guy from NYPD Blue, as 'Messenger,' and Andre Braugher, the guy from that other cop show on tv, as Casseil.

This movie is so sweet, really, and so sad... I'm getting a little misty now, just thinking about it.

## My GIANT



**My Giant \*\***  
Columbia/Castle Rock

*plot: A jerky movie agent attempts to use the tall man who saved his life in order to earn a few bucks.*

If it's true that giant's don't live to an old age, this must have been a difficult role for Gheorghe Muresan (Max). Another question: is he really all that tall, or is Billy Crystal just short? Aren't some basketball players over seven feet tall, anyway? Considering the fact that the movie takes place in modern times, these people couldn't have been all that surprised at seeing someone so tall - there's a basketball team in Los Angeles, after all. Billy Crystal (Sammy) is his typical, comic self. I'm not a huge fan of comedy. Honestly, the thought of watching a movie with Billy Crystal in it made me cringe, but it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be.

The movie had a tender side to it - I admit, I cried a little. (I'm not usually a terribly emotional person, really.) If it wasn't for the tender side, this would merely be one of those fluff movies, the type that are tossed aside after a week or two in theaters, never to be seen again.

-Sarah Adams

## Cinema World

**Titanic (PG-13)**  
2:30, 7:30

**Good Will Hunting (R)**  
1,7

**Species 2 (R)**  
3:30, 9:30

**City of Angels (PG-13)**  
12:45, 3:45, 7:15, 9:45

**Lost in Space (PG-13)**  
12:45, 3:30, 7, 9:40

**Object of my Affection**  
1, 3:45, 7, 9:30

**Paulie (PG)**  
1:15, 3:30, 6:45, 8:30

**Tarzan (PG-13)**  
1, 3:30, 7, 9:30

**The Big Hit (R)**  
1:15, 3:45, 7:15, 9:45

**Odd Couple (PG-13)**  
1, 6:45

**Mercury Rising (R)**  
3:45, 9:20

**Wild Things (R)**  
3:30, 9:30

**Barney (G)**  
12:45, 3:30

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# What's the deal with Superman?

Superman has been dead since he last battled the 80's paranoia-turned-movie-plot, nuclear warfare (Superman IV, 1987). A 90's follow-up for the Warner Bros. billion dollar franchise was put on hold following Christopher Reeve's highly publicized tragedy. Since then Tim Burton (Batman, Mars Attacks) has diligently been nursing the franchise back to health.

No doubt the public will be surprised by the Man of Steel's inevitable facelift in the image of Nicholas Cage. Obvious special effects differences will exist in light of Burton's hundred million dollar budget. Also expect to see a look and feel which mirrors his original *Batman* movie.

Even more interesting is the Superman V

plotline based on DC comics' 1992 shocker and best seller *The Death of Superman*. The script was originally written by Kevin Smith (Chasing Amy, Clerks), but Burton hired Wesley Strick (The Saint) to rewrite the story. Expect the Krypton Kid to die early on during a world-saving frenzy, only to make a just-in-time super comeback.

Along side Cage will be Chris Rock as Jimmy Olsen, Kevin Spacey as the evil Brainiac, and Cameron Diaz as Superman's love interest, Lois Lane. *Superman Lives'* earliest production time line is September 1998 with a projected release of summer 1999.

-Keith Fredericks



Manhattan String Quartet(left) photo by Keith Fredericks  
Superman(above) Graphic design by Joel Hurley



Manhattan String Quartet's drew large crowds from all over. Their performance on Saturday had audience members applauding between movements (which they're not supposed to do). The event was part of the FSC cultural series.

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## Website 4 Continued

book exchange. Through this site students have an alternative to trading and buying from the campus book store. Students post information on books they have, and through e-mail they can negotiate trade, sale, and purchase details with other students.

Will this organized effort to circumvent the bookstore's purchasing/selling process hurt their business? It depends on the level of the book exchange's success. Jack Doe, bookstore manager said, "A lot of schools have student book exchanges. It shouldn't effect business."

Amendment One also contains advice to students on common campus problems. Parking tickets, residence hall maintenance charges, and FalconNet functionality are current subjects. It's aim is to reflect student feelings about problems which have not been adequately addressed by the college.

The growth and life span of Amendment One is unknown. Campus community reaction will no doubt define the site's future. Faculty and Administration acceptance may effect its existence. Erik Novak said, "As long as the students use it, it will always be here for them."

-Keith Fredericks

## MATH CORNER

### This week's problems

#### General Problem

An 8x8 chess board has 32 white and 32 black squares. Two squares on opposite corners are removed. A domino can cover one white and one black square. Is it possible to cover all 62 squares of the altered board with 31 dominoes? Explain.

#### Advanced Problem

A student has four science books, three literature books and two math books to be arranged on a shelf. The student wishes to keep all books about the same subject together on the shelf. IN how many ways can the books be arranged?

### Last week's solutions

#### General Solution

If you list all combinations such as BADEC, CDEBA, CDEAB, CEDBA, CEDAB, DCEBA, DCEAB, ECDBA, ECDAB and count them, there are 44 different seatings. A more elegant combination solution can be obtained by request from R. Bentley.

#### Advanced Solution

Due to the complexity of the provided proof, it is not being printed. However, the answer to the problem in question is (2,0). For the complete proof, contact Dr. Cosgrove.

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## Retraction:

Last week's article, *ACC Telecom on Review*, stated FSC's long-distance phone service had a one year contract.

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# Intramural update

## Indoor Soccer

This year's Intramural Indoor Soccer season ended this past week leaving only one team standing. The high powered offense of the 31 Clinton team was too much for its competition. They produced the top two goal scorers for the men and women: Jen Duncan, 7 goals; Lee Churchill, 5 goals; Nate Arnold, 15 goals; and John Quinlan, 9 goals.

Their supporting cast included Eric O'Connell and Pat Baldwin. Their rampage through the season left them undefeated.

The first round match up against the highly favored High School Heroes produced a close game with the difference being the hard work of Churchill and O'Connell.

Their next match up for the finals against Team 188 was close, but the outcome was the same. Team 31 Clinton went on to win a 5-4 barn burner, but that game could have went either way. Scott Sorenson, Dave Pacz and company played extremely well and had a chance to win, but some questionable officiating prevented that from happening.

Thanks for the participation and we hope to see you next year.

-Brian Bicknell

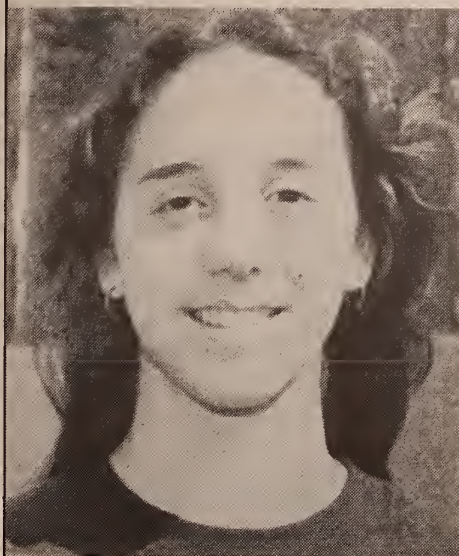
## Notice to students

Just a notice to anyone who is using a locker in Parkinson Gymnasium - it is important that all locks are removed from the lockers by the end of exams. All lockers need to be cleaned out by this time.

**I would like to give a sincere thank you to Dave Marsh who is leaving the school after 14 years of service. He has been invaluable to this paper concerning sports information and data. He will be missed.**

-Aaron Barrett

# Athlete of the week



Senior Katie Brace added two more honors to her trophy case this past weekend at the New England Alliance/MASCAC Championship Meet. Brace won both the 200 meters and 400 meters at the event. In the 200 her time of 27.21 was nearly half a second faster than second place finished, while her 400 meter performance of 59.27 was nearly two seconds ahead of the field.

# A special thank you

The Disabilities Services would like to take this opportunity to thank those students who participated in the Wheelchair Basketball games held at 7:00 p.m. on April 22nd in the Parkson Gym. Tom Gordon and his team of mostly FSC hockey players unsuccessfully tried to hold their own against the amazing professional Bay State Blues!

Pete Daly's team of mostly FSC basketball players also had a tough go of it because they lost their height advantage sitting in wheel chairs. Laura Znoj's team of mostly women basketball players had great passing ability and were first to beat the Blues.

Sigma Pi team surprised everyone when Lincoln Stiles, a FSC graduate and a former Blues teammate, joined the game.

Although he was welcomed by his old Blues teammates, once a Sigma Pi, always a Sigma Pi. Next year, the Sigma Pi's vow to break this year's tie with a long overdue win.

Laura Znoj's team challenged the Blues to another game, but were unsuccessful at pulling off a second win. Laughter, smiles and the Blues won out.

A special thanks goes out to Joe Bellil and the Bay State Blues for their continued support of the FSC Disabilities Office and the Garrett Conrad Scholarship Fund. Thanks also goes out to Brian Bicknell of the student activities office, the other volunteers and the fans who have made this event a success. See you again next year!

-Disability Services Staff



# Sports | bits

## Softball (18-13-1 overall; 5-5 MASCAC)

The Falcons have been sensational in winning their last eight games, helping to break the school record for most wins in a season with 18. The previous record was set in 1986 when the team had a record of 17-10. With six games left, they are shooting for their first 20 win season in school history.

Tara Herrick has 22 RBIs on the season, 5 short of the record of 27. Herrick also has set a school record for doubles in a season with 12.

Kim Nolan currently has 23 stolen bases, a career high, and is two short of the school record.

Wendy Keegan broke the school record for most wins in a season compiling a 16-12-1 record. The previous record was 10. Keegan is also the career leader with 22 wins.

Keri Levesque, who has a .415 average, leads the team in runs scored with 31, 11 short of the school record. Levesque also is two hits short of the school record of 41, with 39 on the season.

## Baseball (5-19 overall; 2-8 MASCAC)

The baseball team hasn't fared as well as the softball team, winning only two of their last seven games.

Scott Marchand leads the team with a remarkable .452 average. In the second spot behind Marchand is Dan Verdier with a .314 average, who also leads the team with 18 RBI's.

## Track

At the New England Alliance/MASCAC Championship Meet this past weekend, both the men's and women's track teams came in third in the MASCAC portion. Katie Brace won the women's 200 and 400 meters.

In the women's 5,000 yard run, Alice Thomas came in second with a time of 20:26.09.

In the women's javelin throw, Stacy Barrett finished second with a distance of 36.35 meters.

Annmarie Kicza placed second in the women's high jump with a height of 4'08.00".

In the men's 100 yard dash, D'andrea Freeman and Jude Joujoute finished 2-3 with times of 11.33 and 11.37, respectively. Joujoute also finished second in the 200 yard dash with a time of 23.26.



Tara Herrick

Photo by Dave Marsh

# Athletic Awards Night

A reminder to all Fitchburg State athletes, the first ever Athletic Awards Night will be held on Thursday, April 30 in Percival Auditorium. Refreshments are served in the lobby at 6:30, followed by the awards ceremony at 7:00.

Awards for Athletes of the Year, Scholar Athletes of the Year, Leadership Awards, the Kruczek Award, and all senior awards will be presented.

# Calendar

## Baseball

April 30 - Rhode Island College - 3:30

May 2 - Framingham State College (DH) - noon

May 3 - at Westfield State College - noon

May 4 - at Umass Boston - 3:30

## Softball

April 29 - at Elms College - 4:00

May 2 - Framingham State College (DH) - noon

May 3 - at Westfield State College - noon

## Men's and Women's Outdoor Track

May 1-2 - New England III Championships- TBA